

STATE FOCUS: RHODE ISLAND
SCHOOL YEAR 2009–2010

**RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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This state is:

- ☐ High Incidence
- ☐ High Growth
- ☐ Rural

STATE STATISTICS

Year	Number of ELs	Proportion of ELs	Change since 99-00	Change since 04-05
1999-2000	9,220	5.9%	---	---
2004-2005	9,001	5.8%	-2.4%	---
2009-2010	6,775	4.7%	-26.5%	-24.7%



DID YOU KNOW?

- Rhode Island serves 145,118 students in 54 districts, less than one-quarter of which are classified as rural.
- The Rhode Island Department of Education's website has resources for parents and families in both Spanish and English.
- Rhode Island's ELs come from a variety of languages including Spanish, Portuguese, French, Chinese, and Arabic.
- Rhode Island students scored at or above the national average on all four mathematics and reading tests on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) report.

All data are for preK-12 students; for more information go to
http://www.ncele.gwu.edu/files/uploads/T3SIS_LEA/lea_overview.pdf

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